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SUBJECT: RUBBER -- IRSG MEETINGS

REF: A-159, MARCH 9, 1976 (LONDON)

1. REFAIR TRANSMITTED DOCUMENTS RELATING TO MEETINGS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RUBBER STUDY GROUP (IRSG), SCHEDULED FOR LONDON, MARCH 22 AND 23 RESPECTIVELY. BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE DELAYS IN POUCH TRANSMITTALS, HIGHLIGHTS PROVIDED BELOW:

2. SELECTION COMMITTEE. SELECTION COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER CANDIDATES FOR POST OF SECRETARY GENERAL WILL MEET MARCH 22. THIS WILL BE SECOND MEETING OF COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY UK, WITH REPS FROM US, USSR, MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA. PRESUMABLY HEADS OF DELS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL REPLACE LONDON REPS IN SOME AASES. AT ITS MARCH L MEETING, THE

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SELECTION COMMITTEE SCHEDULED INTERVIEWS FOR CANDI-
DATES, MARCH 02, AS FOLLOWS:

TIME	CANDIDATE	SPONSOR
10:30	J. N. CATCHPOLE	UK
11:30	A. B. DISSANAYAKE	SRI LANKA
12:15	L. BATEMAN	MALAYSIA
2:30	R. DEV. FORSTER	US

MALAYSIA HAS PUT FORWARD BATEMAN'S CANDIDACY (WITH
INDONESIAN SUPPORT) ON THE BASIS THAT OTHERS ARE NOT
QUALIFIED AND THAT DR. BATEMAN, ALTHOUGH OVER AGE,
WOULD BE EXCELLENT "INTERIM CHOICE" BECAUSE OF WIDE
EXPERIENCE IN RUBBER. BATEMAN WOULD SERVE ONLY THREE-
FOUR YEARS, BUT IN MEANTIME, PRODUCERS WOULD DEVELOP
CLEARER IDEA OF WHERE THEY WANT IRSG TO GO.

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- (1) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- (2) CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- (3) ACTION FOR GROUP
 - A) AD HOC ADVISORY PANEL
 - B) STATISTICAL MATTERS
 - C) APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL DESIGNATE
- (4) ACTION IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES
 - A) STABILISATION OF NATURAL RUBBER PRICES
 - B) INTERNATIONAL RUBBER RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
BOARD PROJECTS
- (5) ADMINISTRATIVE
 - A) GROUP BUDGET 1976/1977
 - I) UK TAXATION WITH REGARD TO SECRETARIAT
STAFF
 - II) ASSESSMENT OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GROUP BUDGET
 - III) MEMBERSHIP OF THE GROUP
 - IV) POSITION REGARDING CAMBODIAN AND

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VIETNAMESE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GROUP

V) PRICES OF GROUP PUBLICATIONS

B) TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
GROUP -

C) TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(6) OTHER MATTERS.

4. UNDER ITEM (3) (C), THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL
BE CALLED UPON TO CONSIDER THE CANDIDATE, IF ANY,
RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE, OR ALTERNA-
TIVELY CONSIDER THE MALAYSIAN PROPOSAL (AND THE
SELECTION COMMITTEE'S IMPRESSIONS OF BATEMAN) OR
REFER THE MATTER TO THE GROUP MEETING NEXT JUNE.
A BUDGETARY IMPLICATION OF THE MALAYSIAN PROPOSAL IS
POSSIBLE REVIVAL OF THE SUGGESTION FOR CREATING A
NEW POSITION OF DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL AS UNDERSTUDY
FOR EVENTUAL SUCCESSION, I.E., FOR WHEN BATEMAN WOULD
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RETIRE A FEW YEARS HENCE.

5. PROPOSED BUDGET AMOUNTS TO POUNDS STERLING 76,500,
WITH US CONTRIBUTION OF POUNDS 6,813.

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